

# MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**Monday, June 11, 2007, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Town / County Conference Room**  
**Mammoth Lakes, CA**

## ATTENDANCE

### Commissioners Present

Hap Hazard, Chair  
Kirk Stapp, Vice Chair  
Neil McCarroll, Councilman  
Bill Reid, Supervisor  
Wendy Sugimura, Councilman

### Caltrans

Brad Mettam  
Ryan Dermody

### Staff Present

Scott Burns, Director  
Gerry LeFrancois, Planner Mono County  
Gwen Plummer, Planner Mono County  
Allen Berrey, Deputy County Counsel  
Kelly Garcia, Assistant Director P/W  
Bill Manning, Director Transportation Town of ML  
Peter Bernasconi, Sr. Engineer Town of ML  
Lynetta Fuerst, Secretary

### Others

Jill Ellis, Inyo Mono Transit / ESTA

*Agenda items may not have been taken in order.*

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Hazard at 9:06 a.m. Commissioner Stapp led the pledge of allegiance.**

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Salcido from Mono County Public Health spoke to the Commission regarding a one day conference June 19, 2007, in Lee Vining learning how the built environment can positively impact the health of the communities' citizens. There

is proposed legislation which would mandate Public Health to be included in the planning process. [Contact Lynda Salcido at 760-924-1830 for more information.](#) Commissioner Hazard requested at future meetings the Commissioners be introduced to the public.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIAGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9: one case

Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 9:09 am and returned to the open meeting at 9:34 am. Mr. Berrey stated the Commission requested staff send a letter to Bartig, Basler & Ray outlining their concerns over BB&R's dealings with the Mono County Local Transportation Commission.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 14, 2007**

Commissioner Reid motioned to approve the May minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

**4. TRANSIT**

a. Unmet Transit Needs – Consider adopting Resolution 2007-06 making findings concerning local unmet transit needs for FY 2007- 2008

With the discontinued transportation service for Veterans in Inyo and Mono County to the Reno hospital, Commissioner Hazard felt we need to keep Veteran's transportation needs in the forefront. Ms. Ellis from Inyo Mono Transit noted the addition of CREST Monday service was a result of that need, giving Veterans a night to stay over and return the next day. The Veterans Administration also buys passes for the Veterans to use IMAAA for transportation. Commissioner Hazard would like to see greater dialog with the communities concerning unmet transit needs and bring back information to the communities. Commissioner Sugimura inquired about keeping requests on the unmet needs list, and Ms. Plummer explained requests do in fact stay on the list and are incorporated into the Regional Transportation Plan until such time as funding is available and the unmet need becomes reasonable to meet.

Commissioner Stapp moved to adopt Resolution 2007-06 and Commissioner McCarroll seconded the motion. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.

b. Consider appointing members to the Mono County Social Services Transportation Advisory Council FY 2007-2008

Commissioner Sugimura moved to re-appoint the three members, Jill Ellis, Laurie Gunby and Michelle Merchant to the Mono County Social Services Transportation Advisory Commission for a three year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reid. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura. For the two vacant appointments, Commissioner Reid requested what effort was being made to fill the vacancies. Ms. Plummer said she planned an agency mailing to encourage volunteers.

- c. Inyo Mono Transit / Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) update  
Ms. Ellis reported the Benton to Bishop service was becoming very busy on the Friday trip and Inyo Mono Transit was encouraging riders to travel on the alternate day Tuesday. Regarding Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Monicka Watterson is the first employee to resign from Inyo County and sign on with ESTA. Office personnel will be employed with ESTA the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> and the drivers to follow on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. July 1, 2007 is the official start date. The ESTA board will be receiving the FY 2007-2008 budget at their next meeting on June 15, 2007. Commissioner McCarroll asked how the Town's 1% TOT transit tax affects the transit budget and Mr. Manning stated that it doesn't. He explained the LTC only has jurisdiction over the Local Transportation Funds and the Town has a separate contract with ESTA for Town services. The Lee Vining - June Lake to Mammoth Lakes service can be subsidized up to three years as a pilot program, but the midday run has seen a 21% increase. It would take 20 passengers a day for the service to pay for itself.
- d. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) update  
YARTS will be meeting this Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, to confirm their contract with VIA. VIA will be the only provider for the Park, west and east side.

## **5. ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Consider adopting Minute Order 2007-07 approving the FY 2007-2008 Overall Work Program (OWP) and authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Certifications and Assurances  
For FY 2007-2008 the Overall work program will have \$ 216,000 (State budget approved) of Regional Planning Assistance funds available and \$ 300,000 of (California Transportation Commission approved) Program, Planning and Monitoring funds. RPA funds are reimbursed to the County on a quarterly report basis, while the PPM funds are paid directly to the County. Commissioner McCarroll moved to adopt Minute Order 2007-07 and it was seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 5/0. Those in favor were: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.
- b. Consider / adopt Resolution 2007-08 apportioning *estimated* Local Transportation Funds for FY 2007-2008  
A motion to adopt Resolution 2007-08 was made by Commissioner Stapp and seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp and Sugimura.
- c. Consider / adopt Resolution 2007-2009 allocating *estimated* Local Transportation Funds for FY 2007-2008  
Commissioner Reid moved to adopt Resolution 2007-09 and was seconded by Commissioner Stapp. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp, and Sugimura.

## **6. CALTRANS**

- a. Update regarding Coleville Post Office southbound turn lane – site visit  
Mr. Mettam reported that on May 22, 2007, Commissioner Reid, Kelly Garcia (Mono County Public Works) and Mr. Mettam (Caltrans) conducted a site visit of the southbound turn lane of the Coleville Post Office. It appears that Caltrans can modify the turn lane and has an engineer working on the project.

b. Update on activities in Mono County

Mr. Mettam stated the GAS-X project for Lee Vining should have fall implementation, as Caltrans is presently acquiring materials. The Black Rock 4 lane should have October construction. The Independence / Manzanar 4 lane has been accelerated to 2008 construction. High Point curve was voted by the CTC and is going forward with \$ 1.3M towards PS&E. (Plans, Specifications & Estimates). Mr. Mettam wanted to thank everyone in Inyo and Mono County for the dedicated staff work that was done to make such an "effective campaign" for the Olancha Cartago project. \$ 25 M has been voted for right of way. Finally, Bridgeport will see wider shoulders from the north edge of Town to Dressler Curve. Commissioner Reid thanked Caltrans for the quick response on the radar signs in Lee Vining.

**7. STATE / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

a. Update on 2006 STIP Augmentation

b. Authorize Chair's signature on " Letters of Appreciation " regarding Olancha Cartago & Highpoint project funding

Commissioner Hazard motioned to authorize 'Letters of Appreciation'. Commissioner Sugimura seconded the motion. Passed 5/0. Those in favor: Hazard, McCarroll, Reid, Stapp, and Sugimura.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. Letter from Department of Transportation regarding new requirements for STIP Projects requesting allocations from the California Transportation Commission

**9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – July 9, 2007**

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 by Chair Hazard.